

Application No. 10/661,559  
Amendment dated January 30, 2006  
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-26 will be pending. Claims 10-26 are withdrawn from consideration pending allowance of a generic or linking claim. As discussed in greater detail below, Applicants believe claim 1 to be allowable, and therefore request examination of claims 10-26, which depend from claim 1.

The Examiner has objected to the declaration filed with the application, and has required a new declaration to be filed that includes the clause regarding “willful false statements...” required by 37 CFR §1.68. A newly executed declaration, including the clause regarding “willful false statements...” is submitted herewith.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention specified by the claims. Specifically, claim 3 recites “wherein at least one of the leading gears is integrally formed with a hook so that the at least one leading gear is directly joined to the guide rail.” Claim 3 has been canceled. Accordingly, the objection is moot.

The Examiner made several objections to the specification. With regard to paragraph 5 of the office action, the title has been amended to be more descriptive, and indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. With respect to paragraph 6 of the office action, the abstract of the invention has been amended to be fewer than 150 words. With regard to paragraph 7 of the office action, the typos found on pages 10 and 11 of the specification, and in claims 1 and 7 have been corrected.

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More specifically, “fist” has been changed to --first-- on page 10, “367” has been changed to --371—on page 11, and “gear valleys,” has been corrected to read --gear valleys--. Similarly, claims 10 and 26 have been corrected to delete the duplicate term “main deck.” Also, claim 9 has been amended to recite “the remaining gear teeth” as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have reviewed the specification and endeavored to correct any minor errors. To that end, a paragraph on page 8 of the specification was amended to correct another minor typo. More specifically, “reatures” has been replaced with --features--.

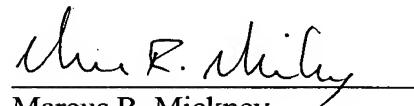
Claims 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) as being indefinite. More specifically, claim 7 recited “the neighboring gear valleys” at line 2. The Examiner suggested that as a result, claim 7 lacked clear and/or positive antecedent basis. Claim 7 has been amended to delete the word “the,” thus providing positive antecedent basis for the limitation “neighboring gear valleys.” The rejection is believed to be overcome.

Turning to the substantive rejections, the Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,699,208 to Kim et al. It is noted with appreciation that claims 4-6 and 9 are considered allowable by the Examiner. Claims 2-4 have been canceled by the above amendment, and the limitations of claims 2 and 4 have been incorporated into independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Claims 5-9 depend from claim 1, and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

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In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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